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GOVERNMENT IN FOCUS:Credit Scoring

In an effort to help Michigan residents better understand their rights when applying for insurance; Senate Bill 884 was introduced this week. The bill's sponsors, Sen. Cropsey, R-DeWitt and Sen. Switalski, D-Roseville, explained that the legislation will:

- O Require insurance companies to tell a consumer the major factors in their credit history that may be considered in their score and how those factors impact their score;
- Require companies to give customers explicit notice that their credit information will be considered when determining their insurance premium;
- Require companies to re-rate a person who has successfully challenged an error in their credit history and to give that person a refund if the error caused them to pay more than they should have been paying, and;
- Prohibit insurance companies from considering zip codes, address, or income when determining the consumer's credit score.

The bill will now be considered in the committee on Banking and Financial Institutions.